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SERIOUS ADDRESS

TO THE

CHIEF MAGISTRATES

OF

NORWICH AND YARMOUTH,

AND TO THE

Acting Magiſtrates of the County of Norfolk,

AND OTHER

PARTS OF THE NATION.

Requeſting them to call a ſolemn Aſſembly, and to declare their firm attachment to the Conſtitution and Government of the King of kings; and to enter into covenant with him, to obey his laws and ſtatutes, and to expel from among them all wicked and infernal ſpirits which blaſpheme his holy name; with a few words to the Idle Shepherds, and to thoſe that are deſirous of a Revolution.

By JOHN BOUSELL,

A Diſciple of Jeſus Chriſt, and a Diſſenter from the People called Quakers.

Give ear you that rule the people and glory in the multitude of nations, for power is given you of the Lord, and ſovereignty from the higheſt, who ſhall try your work, and ſearch out your counſel.

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THE *Author propoſes ſhortly to publiſh a Pamphlet, entitled, The near approaching Day of Univerſal Reſtoration, Regeneration, Peace, and Salvation.* "*The People ſhall beat their Swords into Plough-ſhares, and their Spears into Pruning-hooks, Nation ſhall not lift up Sword againſt Nation, nor learn War any more.*"

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ADDRESS, &c.

TASEBOROUGH, 14th of the Firſt Month, 1793.

WHILE I have this day been muſing, the fire kindled, and the flame of love aroſe and ſpread itſelf from ſea to ſea, a heavy cloud hangs over our heads, and dangers encompaſs us about on every ſide; and the Angel of the Lord appears with his ſword drawn over this nation, waiting for the word of command to execute the fierce wrath of the Lord Almighty upon the inhabitants for their great abominations, for their wilful rebellion againſt his revealed laws and holy commandments; under this ſtrong conviction, I find my mind diſpoſed to addreſs you, my fellow mortals, in a few lines, entreating you of every ſtation, high and low, rich and poor, ſolidly to conſider your preſent ſtate, and that you are in the hands of God, who rules in the armies of Heaven, and doth as he pleaſeth among the inhabitants of the earth; he planteth and plucketh up, buildeth and pulleth down, he giveth and taketh away, proſperity and adverſity are at his command, there is

no bounds to his power; let us humble ourſelves under his holy hands, and let every one turn from the evil of his ways, ceaſe to do evil, learn to do well. "Come," ſaith the Lord, "let us reaſon together, although your ſins are as ſcarlet and as crimſon, I will make them as white as ſnow," affliction ariſeth not out of the duſt, the Lord doth not willingly afflict the children of men, man's deſtruction is of himſelf. Let me addreſs you, my countrymen, ye Inhabitants of the City of Norwich and of the County of Norfolk; I have been informed by the papers, you have held Meetings wherein you have declared your firm attachment to the King, and formed reſolutions to defend the Conſtitution with your lives and fortunes; I am not going to impeach your integrity concerning this matter, nor by any means attempt to alienate your minds from the ruling powers of this kingdom, may the bleſſing of the Lord of Hoſts reſt upon the King that ſit upon the Britiſh Throne, and upon his Royal Conſort, and upon his numerous offspring, may peace, comfort and conſolation be their happy portion in time, and in eternity joy and felicity, may the Lord of Hoſts guide the King and his Miniſters and the Members of Parliament, by his Counſel, and fill their hearts with tender compaſſion towards the lower claſs of people, who are in diſtreſs, and many of their tender babes in want of the neceſſaries of life; may the ears of the rulers be opened to the cry of the widow, and of the fatherleſs, that

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the ears of the Lord might be opened to their prayers in this time of danger. Ariſe ye rulers, and put on ſtrength in the name of the Lord, and looſen the bonds of wickedneſs, remove the heavy burthens and let the oppreſſed go free, then ſhall your light break forth as the morning, and your health ſpring up ſpeedily, and let me adviſe you, before you again engage in war, to ſet down and caſt up the account; examine the expences of the laſt war, and bring forward the balance, that you may form a better judgment of the dreadful conſequences that 'tis poſſible another war will produce. I write in good will. I ſhould rejoice to ſee a day of univerſal peace, that day will come, and I believe is near at hand, wherein the Moſt High will fulfil his word, Kings ſhall become nurſing fathers and Queens nurſing mothers, nation ſhall not lift up ſword againſt nation, neither ſhall they learn war any more. God is able to accompliſh this great and glorious work. Let the rulers of this and all other nations bow to the ſceptre of the Prince of Peace, who will rule and reign for evermore. I muſt call to you that call yourſelves Miniſters of the Goſpel, if ye are men fearing of God, if you are his Ambaſſadors, his Miniſters, moving under the influence of his word, the ſpirit of light and of love, be ye awakened, let your loins be girded with the girdle of truth. Come ye forth and ſound an alarm upon God's holy mountain. Blow your trumpets, ſhow unto Iſrael his ſins and Jacob his tranſgreſſions,

be ye cloathed with holy zeal. Proclaim aloud, the controverſy of God is with the inhabitants of this nation, and his judgments are near to be poured out for their abominations. O ye teachers of the various congregations. O ye idle ſhepherds, the miſerable ſtate of the flock lay at your door, the diſeaſed have ye not ſtrengthened, neither have ye healed that that was ſick, neither have ye bound that that was broken, neither have ye brought again that that was driven away, neither have ye ſought that that was loſt, but with force and cruelty have ye ruled over them; they are ſcattered becauſe there is no ſhepherd. Read the whole Chapter of the 34th of Ezekiel, ye Miniſters of the eſtabliſhment and Diſſenting Congregations, and behold, as in a looking glaſs, your own ſtates; thus ſaith the Lord God, "I am againſt the ſhepherds, and I will require my flock at their hands, and cauſe them to ceaſe from feeding the flock, neither ſhall the ſhepherds feed themſelves any more, for I will deliver my flock from their mouth that they may not be meat for them, lay it to heart ye ſhepherds, and ſolidly conſider the miſerable ſtate of the ſheep and the lambs, ye eat the fat and cloath yourſelves with the wool, but ye feed not the flock with heavenly food. Let not this meſſage be unto you as an idle tale, but examine yourſelves whether you are ſhepherds appointed of the Lord, moving under the influence and inſpiration of his power, the ſpirit of wiſdom, life, and light and love, or whether

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you are moving under the influence of your own dark unenlightened ſpirit, in your own wiſdom; know of a truth, that which is born of the fleſh is fleſh, and that which is born of the ſpirit is ſpirit, and it is only as men move under the influence of the ſpirit of God, that they can by their Miniſtry beget heavenly life in the ſpirits of their hearers; and if ye are not Miniſters of heavenly life ye are Miniſters of ſpiritual death, and this is the cauſe of the ſpiritual death and darkneſs that prevails, reigns, and covers as a thick dark cloud, over your meetings appointed for worſhip, and prevents the healing virtue of the beams of the ſun of righteouſneſs from ſhining upon you; it is the preſence of the Lord that gives heavenly life, the holy Emmanuel hath declared, where two or three are gathered together in my name (power and ſpirit) there he is in the midſt of them. I mourn under a deep and living ſenſe of the miſery which mankind have brought upon themſelves in rejecting the Lord and chuſing of men to be their teachers and leaders, and I rejoice in a ſight of an approaching day, a day of heavenly light. The ſun of righteouſneſs ſhall ſhine and diſperſe the dark clouds of error and deluſion that have long covered the inhabitants of this and other nations; God will make a covenant of peace with his people, and cauſe the evil beaſts to ceaſe out of the land, and they ſhall dwell ſafely, and he will make them and the places round about his hill a bleſſing, and cauſe hea-

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venly ſhowers to come down in his ſeaſon; there ſhall be ſhowers of bleſſing, and the tree of the field ſhall yield her fruit, and the earth ſhall yield her encreaſe, and they ſhall be ſafe in their land, and ſhall know that I am the Lord; when I have broken the bonds of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hands of thoſe that ſerved themſelves of them. God will have a Church, he will raiſe up many thouſands in this nation, to bear a living and powerful teſtimony againſt a dry, dead, corrupt Miniſtry; ſome of theſe will probably cry out, our Church is in danger! the Church and the Miniſters of Antichriſt appear to me to be in imminent danger. God will deſtroy Antichriſt (not by the ſword) but by the breath (the word) of his mouth, and by the brightneſs of his coming. Time will not admit me to enlarge at preſent upon this ſubject, I am as a little meſſenger ſent before many others to proclaim the near approach of a ſuffering day. O that the people might be prepared to meet the Lord in the way of his judgments, that every hill and mountain, every high thought and exalted imagination, might be brought down. I am ſenſible both of the ſpiritual miſeries and temporal dangers that encompaſſed about us, peradventure men might eſcape if they in every ſtation turned with full purpoſe of heart unto the Lord; I feel a regard for the inhabitants of the City of Norwich and the County of Norfolk; give me leave to addreſs you that are in authority, you acting Magiſtrates, may the Lord

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God and Father of the ſpirits of all fleſh, endue you with power and wiſdom, as Miniſters, in his hand, may ye be a terror to evil doers, and a praiſe to them that do well. I perceive you have called ſeveral Meetings in the City and County, under an apprehenſion of danger ariſing from a ſet of men, who form themſelves, you ſuppoſe, into clubs, with views prejudicial to Government; what their deſigns are I know not, for I have not been at any of them; I may, obſerve our laws, allow every man innocent till he is proved guilty. If there are any men in this nation that are really deſigning evil againſt Government, and vainly imagining the Sovereignty is in the people, to ſuch I addreſs myſelf, be not deceived, be not puffed up in the pride of your hearts, for ſovereignty belongs to God, who brings to nought the purpoſes and evil deſigns of men at his pleaſure; I ſay, if there be any that are taking a view of the Conſtitution, and conclude it wants reforming, let them be careful how they put their hands to the old houſe, leſt it fall upon their heads and bury them under its ruins; and remember, that properly to repair an old building, they need be men of wiſdom, ſkill and underſtanding. A change of maſters, except there was a change of heart and of manners, would tend to no good; if there be any reſtleſs ſpirits that are really deſirous of a change, of a good and effectual revolution I will willingly join with them. Come ye great ſpirits, come ye men of courage, and

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let us meet and conſult together, and engage in a ſtrong reſolution not to turn our backs in the day of battle until we have accompliſhed our noble deſigns; be not afraid, we ſhall have powerful armies to join with us, by whoſe aſſiſtance we ſhall obtain the victory. Probably you will enquire, John, what is this plot, this great deſign, thou profeſs thyſelf a man of peace, whoſe kingdom art thou deſirous and ſeeking to overthrow and deſtroy? I anſwer it is no leſs than the Throne of Satan, the Kingdom of Hell, in the name of my great Lord and Maſter the King of kings. I this day ſet up the ſtandard of truth and righteouſneſs upon the earth, giving forth this public and general invitation to men of all ranks and ſtations, rich and poor, high and low, bond or free men, come ye and enter into the army of the Lord of Hoſts; prepare, prepare, for the battle will be hot; take the advice of an old experienced officer, my brethren, be ſtrong in the Lord, and in the power of his might; put ye on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to ſtand in the evil day (that is near), having your loins girt about with truth, having on the breaſt-plate of righteouſneſs, and your feet ſhod with the preparation of the Goſpel of peace; above all, taking the ſhield of faith wherewith ye ſhall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one, and take the helmet of ſalvation and the ſword of the ſpirit, which is the word of God. Theſe weapons have

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been but little uſed for ſome hundred years, they are not ruſty, retain their ancient brightneſs; come and prove them for yourſelves, for your encouragement I will inform you, my Maſter, the King of kings, will take to himſelf his great power, and fulfil the viſion of his ſervant John, who ſaith, "I ſaw heaven opened, and behold a white horſe, and he that ſat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteouſneſs, he doth judge and make war, his eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns, and he had a name written that no man knew but himſelf, and he was cloathed with a veſture dipt in blood, and his name is called the Word of God, and the armies which were in Heaven followed him upon white horſes, cloathed in fine linen, white and clean, and out of his mouth goeth a ſharp two-edged ſword, that with it he ſhould ſmite the nations, and he ſhould rule them with a rod of iron, and he treadeth the wine preſs of the fierceneſs of the wrath of Almighty God, and he hath on his veſture and on his thigh, a name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords." It was my happy lot to enter into the ſervice, and to enliſt into the army of this great and mighty potentate in the early part of life; from experience of upwards of forty years, I can bear teſtimony to the truth and never failing power, goodneſs, care and compaſſion, and loving kindneſs of my great Lord and good Maſter, who has been my ſhield and buckler and my ſtrength. As my

truſt hath been in the arm of divine power, it has encompaſſed me about, been my defence, and no weapon formed againſt me hath prevailed or proſpered. I ſing a ſong of praiſe to the rock of my ſalvation. Come, ye Chief Magiſtrate of the City of Norwich, and ye acting Magiſtrates of the County of Norfolk, and men of all ſtations, come ye and drink abundantly of the ſtreams of that river that makes glad the whole heritage of God. I feel his peace and love to flow freely; come and taſte and ſee, and know for yourſelves how good the Lord is; let his fear and dread have place in your hearts, then ye need not fear men nor devils; put not your truſt in the arm of fleſh, leſt the arm fail you, put your truſt in the Lord Jehovah and ye ſhall not be confounded; his name is a ſtrong tower, into which his children run in the time of trouble, and find ſafety. What my eyes have ſeen, and my ears heard, and hands handled of the good word of life, that I declare unto you, I am not this day ſent with a meſſage to a people of a ſtrange language, but unto you inhabitants of the city, where my lot was caſt near forty years; I have mourned under a ſenſe of the great wickedneſs; how are the flood-gates of hell ſet open, and ſin and iniquity run down the ſtreets as a mighty river? How are horrible devils, in human form, walking in the ſtreets, belching forth oaths and blaſpheming the moſt ſacred tremendous name of the Lord of Hoſts, in wilful rebellion againſt his revealed laws and divine

vine commandments? And ſhall not the Lord viſit you in his diſpleaſure, with a rod in his anger, and none ſhall be able to deliver you out of his hands? a fire ſhall be kindled in Zion, and a furnace in Jeruſalem, that ſhall burn as an oven; the wicked and ungodly ſhall be as ſtubble, as briars and thorns that have long encumbered the Lord's holy ground, and ſtood in the way of his heavenly ſeed, which he had ſown, and which he will make to ſpring up in the hearts of many thouſands; the Lord will cleanſe and prepare the earth, and plant therein a choice vine, a noble plant, it ſhall grow, and its branches ſhall ſpread from ſea to ſea, and fill the whole land. The Lord is at work powerfully in the earth, he doth as he pleaſeth among the inhabitants thereof, and who among the ſons of men dare ſay to him what doſt thou? My ſoul is cloathed with holy zeal for the honour of his great name; his name, his power ſhall be exalted above every other name and power. The trumpet ſoundeth, behold a whirlwind of the Lord is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind, it ſhall fall grievouſly upon the head of the wicked; the anger of the Lord ſhall not return until he hath executed, till he hath performed the thoughts of his heart in the latter days.

Be awakened ye that are aſleep, the command is gone forth, ſay to the dead ariſe, let the graves be opened and the dead hear the voice of the Son of God, and come forth and ſtand

upon their feet, and become a mighty army for God. Be ye valiant for his cauſe and fight under his holy banner of light and love, keep your ranks in righteouſneſs, the captain of your ſalvation is going before you, conquering and to conquer; his name is Faithful and True, and in righteouſneſs doth he judge and make war. I again invite men of all ranks and ſtations to enter to enliſt into the ſervice of the King of kings and Lord of lords. Read and underſtand the ſtations you ſhall be placed in; "and the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horſes, cloathed in fine linen, white and clean;" your noble commander will ſtrip you of your own filthy rags, and cloath you with the robes of righteouſneſs, and cover your heads in the day of battle with a crown of immortality, and ye ſhall go forth in the authority and under the influence of the mighty power of God, againſt the ſtrong holds of Satan, againſt every fenced city and high tower, againſt the great City of Babylon, whoſe deſtruction draweth nigh. God will fulfil his word concerning her Merchants, who ſhall weep bitterly becauſe the people will buy of their deceitful merchandize no more. Underſtand ye Noblemen, you that are reſolved to dedicate yourſelves to the ſervice of God, I have no commiſſion to promiſe you, outward peace and tranquility, or the portion of earthly riches; in this world ye ſhall have trouble, but in your Lord and Maſter peace.

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Fear not, little flock, I will give you a kingdom of light, of grace and of truth, of peace and joy unſpeakable, and full of glory, and I will be with you in all your trials in this ſtate of mutability. I will be near to ſupport, to comfort; as your day is, in like manner ſhall be your ſtrength, as ye abide faithful I will be your bow and battle-ax, no weapon formed againſt you ſhall prevail or proſper.

I write this for the encouragemet of the children of the morning light, who muſt endure many tribulations, for their teſtimony which God will give them to bear againſt ſpiritual wickedneſs in high places; for the Devil and his Angels will be caſt out of heaven, ſhall no longer deceive mankind under the appearance of Chriſtians, or deceive, under the appearance of Miniſters of Chriſt. Light is breaking forth out of obſcurity, the ſun of righteouſneſs ſhall ſhine as in the morning of the goſpel diſpenſation, the wiſdom, power, and glory of God ſhall be exalted, in the Chriſtian Churches, over the wiſdom, power, and glory of man. It is only God's own work that praiſe him, the wiſdom of this world is fooliſhneſs with God, and man, by earthly wiſdom, know not God, for the things of God are ſpiritually diſcerned. I ſee the dangers that ſurround us, ſhould rejoice in being inſtrumental, in the hands of the Lord, in awakening its inhabitants, that we might be truly humbled before the Lord, and cry mightily unto him to look with an eye of compaſſion

compaſſion upon us and on our tender offspring, and deliver us out of the hands both of our ſpiritual and temporal enemies; let us break off our ſins by righteouſneſs, and turn, with full purpoſe of heart, unto the Lord, and he will turn unto us, and cauſe the light of his glorious countenance to ſhine upon us. It is only our ſins that have made a ſeparation between us and our God, and our iniquity that have hid good things from us.

Before I conclude, let me addreſs myſelf once more to the Chief Magiſtrate of the City of Norwich, and intreat him, in this time of apparent danger, to blow the trumpet, ſanctify a faſt, call a ſolemn aſſembly, gather the people, ſanctify the congregation, aſſemble the elders, to gather the children and thoſe that ſuck at the breaſts; let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber and the bride out of her cloſet, let the Prieſts, the Miniſters of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them ſay, ſpare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen ſhould rule over them; wherefore ſhould they ſay among the people, where is their God, then will the Lord be jealous for the land and pity his people; "Behold I will ſend you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye ſhall be ſatisfied therewith." The Prophet, in his Maſter's name, promiſed, "I will remove far from you the northern army," (from whence appears the greateſt danger) "and I will drive him back again into a land barren and deſolate, with his face

face towards the eaſt ſea." Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice, for the Lord will do great things in and for thee, as the inhabitants truly repent. Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. It is not in mine or any other mortal's power to communicate more excellent counſel than is contained in the antient records in the ſacred oracles, ceaſe from man, hearken and hear what the Lord your God ſays unto you in the ſacred ſcriptures. This teſtimony I bear, God's love is as great to man in this as in any former diſpenſation. Heaven is his throne and the earth his footſtool, to that man will I look that is of a poor and contrite ſpirit, and that trembles at my word; let me intreat the Chief Magiſtrate of Norwich to call a religious aſſembly of its inhabitants, and conſider the ground from which both bleſſings and righteous judgments ariſe; for this purpoſe I refer you again to antient records, which belong to the Kingdom of my great Lord and good Maſter.

In theſe writings ye will find the cauſe of death and of life, of light and of darkneſs, of peace and tranquility, and of woe and miſery; if thou hearkeneſt diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to obſerve and obey his commandments which I command thee this day, the Lord thy God will ſet thee on high above all the nations of the earth, and all their bleſſings ſhall come upon thee, and overtake thee; bleſſed ſhalt thou be in the city, and bleſſed ſhalt thou be in the field. Deuteronomy the

28th Chapter and 23d Verſe. Read that Chapter; but if it cometh to paſs that ye will not hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, to obſerve to do all his commandments and his ſtatutes which I command thee this day all theſe curſes ſhall come upon thee; curſed ſhalt thou be in the city and curſed ſhalt thou be in the field. Again, becauſe thou ſerveſt not the Lord with joyfulneſs and gladneſs of heart, all theſe things ſhalt thou find; thy enemies, which the Lord ſhall ſend againſt thee in hunger and in thirſt, in nakedneſs and in want of all theſe things, and he ſhall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck until he hath deſtroyed thee. The Lord ſhall bring a nation againſt thee from the ends of the earth, ſwift as eagles, whoſe tongues ſhall not underſtand, a nation of fierce countenance.

I again refer to the whole of this remarkable paſſage, which was evidently fulfilled upon that highly favoured people, and we know not how ſoon it may overtake us, and the rain and the ſtrong winds and the raging waves of the troubled ſea beat againſt our houſes. In ſincerity, and in goſpel ſimplicity, I addreſs once more the Chief Magiſtrate of the City of Norwich, and entreat him again to call a ſolemn aſſembly, and gather together all the elders and all the inhabitants both ſmall and great, in the manner of the young King of Judah, who read all the words of the Book of the Covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep

keep his commandments, and his teſtimonies, and his ſtatutes, with all their heart and with all their ſoul, to perform and obſerve the words of his covenant that was written in that book, and all the people ſtood to the covenant," the Second of Kings, the 23d Chapter and 23d Verſe.

You that are on the Lord's ſide come forward and declare your ſincere and firm attachment, and that it is your determined reſolution to ſupport, and by every means in your power to maintain, the moſt ancient Government of the King of kings; an excellent conſtitution, formed in power and wiſdom, for the perfect happineſs and true liberty of the ſubjects; and that you will individually exert your beſt endeavours to impreſs on the minds of thoſe connected with you to have an awful and becoming reverence for, and a due and humble ſubmiſſion to the divine law and ſtatutes, and that you will jointly and ſeverally, by ſuch means as the law allows and preſcribes, exert your vigilance and activity in diſcovering and bringing to juſtice all perſons who ſhall, by word or writing, engage in any illegal aſſociation or conſpiracies to endeavour to diſturb the public peace, or diſaffection either to the moſt excellent Government of the King of kings, or lawful Government of this country. I call, in my Great Lord and Maſter's name, upon the Chief Magiſtrates of the City of Norwich and of Great Yarmouth, and upon all the acting Magiſtrates of the County of Norfolk,

and all other parts of this nation, that ye individually and collectively, agreeable to the power put into your hands, diſcourage, ſuppreſs, and bring to juſtice all thoſe wicked and infernal evil ſpirits, who in wilful rebellion againſt the laws and ſtatutes of the moſt High God, blaſpheme his holy and ſacred name, and reſolve to have no affinity, no unity with them, but that ye expel all thoſe that ſhall hereafter be found guilty of deſpiſing and trampling upon the laws of the ſupreme Governor of the univerſe; have no fellowſhip with thoſe, put no confidence in men that are traitors unto God, ſay to the wicked it ſhall be ill with him in the approaching day, a day of darkneſs, yea of thick darkneſs; it is from the ſpirits of the wicked thoſe dark clouds ariſe that covers this kingdom, and that prevents the Sun of Righteouſneſs from ariſing, with healing under his wings to heal all our ſpiritual and temporal maladies; "but unto you that fear my name, ſhall the Sun of Righteouſneſs ariſe with healing in his wings, and ye ſhall go forth and grow up as calves of the ſtall, and ye ſhall tread down the wicked, and they ſhall be as aſhes under your feet. In that day that I ſhall do this, ſaith the Lord of Hoſts, the name of the wicked ſhall rot, and his houſe ſhall be overthrown." It is by righteouſneſs this kingdom only ſhall be eſtabliſhed. O, ye Magiſtrates, give me leave to entreat and counſel you individually to enquire, at the divine oracles, the witneſs for God in your breaſts. Have I the evidence

evidence in myſelf that my ways pleaſe him? Do I fear to take his ſacred name into my mouth in vain? Do I ſuffer any of my family to tranſgreſs the laws of God without reproof? It is by men of integrity and of clean hands the Lord will exalt his name, power, and glory above the name, power, and glory of man.

"I ſaw, ſaith the Prophet, in the night, viſions, and behold one like the Son of Man came with the clouds of Heaven, and came to the Antient of Days, and they brought him near before him, and there was given him dominion and glory, and a kingdom, that all people and languages ſhould ſerve him. His dominion is an everlaſting dominion, which ſhall not paſs away, and his Kingdom that which ſhall not be deſtroyed."

Let the heavenly heralds go forth, blow the trumpets, and proclaim the near approaching glorious diſpenſation of the mighty power and government of the Prince of Peace; unto whom ſhall be given by the inhabitants of the new heavens, and the new earth, dominion, glory, and a kingdom—a kingdom of mercy, grace, truth, life, light and love, peace and joy; and this mighty power and kingdom ſhall break in pieces and utterly deſtroy all the kingdoms of ſatan, of wrath, darkneſs, error, deluſion, witchcraft and ſorcery, cruelty, covetouſneſs, oppreſſion, pride and dominion; for out of the mouth of this mighty Prince goeth a ſharp two-edged ſword, wherewith he will ſmite all the inhabi-

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tants of the nations, ſtates, kingdoms and dominions of the Devil, and all people, nations and languages ſhall ſerve, worſhip and obey Him who ſits upon the Throne, cloathed in garments of light and majeſty, and he will rule all thoſe nations with a rod of iron, and reign for ever and evermore. Amen.

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